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## Madison council to meet tonight on power plant

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

The Madison City Council will meet tonight to approve an ordinance on the siting of a proposed \$75 million power plant.

At a special meeting Monday, the council approved accepting most of the recommendations of a hearing officer to allow the siting.

Mayor John Belcoff said the ordinance was necessary for the final approval of the site, and must be

enacted by Saturday.

Metro-East LLC, a subsidiary of the Connecticut-based STRV LLC, plans to build a power plant fueled by waste wood and coal.

In his recommendation to the council, hearing officer Charles King, an Edwardsville attorney, listed the nine specific criteria for the siting approval and the reasons behind it. The proposed plant must meet all nine criteria, which are established by the state. The recommendation was based on testimony and evidence presented dur-

ing four days of public hearings in late July.

The specific criteria, and King's analysis, include:

✓The facility is necessary to accommodate the waste needs of the area it is intended to serve.

King said the primary service area for the project is within a 75-mile radius.

He said the Preferred Solid Waste Plan for Madison, St. Clair and Monroe counties said landfilling is the least desirable way to dispose of solid

waste, and burning waste wood reduces its volume by more than 90 percent.

"The proposed project will extend the life of existing landfills by reducing wood waste disposal in landfills, aid in stabilizing disposal costs, and be part of a long-term solution to waste disposal by providing nearly a 92 percent reduction..." the report said.

✓The facility is so designed and located and proposed to be operated that the public health, safety and welfare will be protected.

King said that according to testimony by Steve Goers, a witness for the applicant, the plant incorporates all the various successful equipment and incorporates into the design the ability to execute the techniques to make a very successful quality control program.

According to the report, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency will continually monitor the site, and the plant's operating procedures would minimize danger to the surrounding area. (See PLANT, Page 8A)



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

**Ready** — Organizers of and participants in the Granite City Drug Free By 2000 campaign Family Fest pose with the DARE Bear in front of the gazebo on Madison Avenue. The festival, which will kick off with a parade down Madison at 11 a.m. Saturday, will be held in Wilson Park.

Orsey calls office  
closing politicalBy Bob Slate  
Staff writer

Dennis Orsey takes exception to a sign on the door of the former Granite City Regional Office of Attorney General Jim Ryan.

Orsey is the former director of that office, which closed Sept. 1 under restructuring by Ryan.

"The sign says the office was closed for budgetary reasons, but that's just not true. I want to set the record straight — this had nothing to do with saving taxpayer dollars," Orsey said. "If it did, I might even agree with it."

"But this is a reorganization to a centralized, depersonalized system that is going to be less effective and inefficient," Orsey

said. "It's pretty obvious this is a political purge."

Ryan announced the closing of 11 of 18 regional offices statewide — including the Granite City office — at a July 26 press conference in Springfield. A regional office remains in East St. Louis.

At the time, Ryan billed the move as a "re-allocation" of resources. He said that the move would save about \$2.1 million, but that that money would be re-allocated to hire more attorneys, increase their salaries and add a toll-free telephone system to handle consumer complaints.

Ryan spokesman Jerry Owens — himself former director of the regional office system under former Attorney General

Roland Burris — takes exception with Orsey's statements.

Owens agreed with Orsey that the change did not result in a budgetary savings. But, he said, the former system was inefficient and the new program will provide better service to consumers with complaints.

"It's true there is no budgetary savings. This was a re-allocation of resources. There will now be two attorneys in offices where formerly there was only one. Most of our complaints have been received over the telephone or through the mail anyway," Owens said.

"We hated to have to shut down the Granite City office, but frankly there were too many regional offices. I respect

(See ORSEY, Page 8A)

Get ready  
for the big  
cool down

Area residents could be debating whether Saturday is the first day of fall or winter as meteorologists debate just how cold it's going to get the rest of this week.

If you listen to The Weather Channel, brace yourself for a cold shock. The Atlanta-based cable television station predicts a low of 28 degrees for the St. Louis area Friday, the last day of summer.

"That's no typo," said Sharon Connor, administrative assistant to the station's chief meteorologist. "It's going to get quite cold in that area."

The National Weather Service in St. Peters, Mo., agrees it will get cold, close to the record low of 40 degrees today through Friday, but not 28.

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Football cost  
set at \$45,000By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

Proponents of a move to bring football back to the Madison School District are hoping to begin organizing volunteers in the next week or so.

Frank Watson, a Fairview Heights businessman spearheading efforts to re-establish a team, said about \$45,000 is going to have to be raised to bring the sport back. He also said a local business, Gateway International Raceway, has promised financial support.

About 40 people attended a meeting at Madison Middle School Tuesday to discuss the program.

"I think it was an excellent turnout," Watson said. "I think the questions were tough, and I

think the interest is here."

"We had a good turnout," Donald Turner, a school board member and another organizer, said. "I see a lot of faces here I know played football here, and a lot of parents here that are interested in creating a football program."

He said sports would help students channel their energies and keep them off the streets.

It could also make a difference in some students, especially those "at risk."

"I think we can also help those borderline students, the students that may not want to knock down and study as hard as they should, but they want to play sports," Turner said. "If we can help those borderline kids maintain a C average, we've done something, because we've done something, because we've done something."

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(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

**No leader** — Workers sift through debris of the old Leader Department Store building in downtown Granite City, which was torn down this week. See Page 2A for story, more photos.

Man charged with  
aiding in suicideBy Bob Slate  
Staff writer

A 41-year-old Granite City man who allegedly helped a 42-year-old woman commit suicide over the weekend is the first person in Madison County to be charged under a 1990 law designed to prevent assisted suicides.

Michael J. Stephens, of the 2500 block of Edwards Street, was charged with inducement to commit suicide, a Class 4 felony. The law carries a maximum punishment of one to three years imprisonment upon conviction.

Bond on the warrant is \$15,000. Stephens allegedly loaded a .22-caliber rifle for the woman and made it available to her at Stephens' home, even though the woman had threatened to commit suicide, according to the charge.

The woman, who resided in the 2800 block of Grand Avenue, shot herself in the head in a bedroom at Stephens' home at about 5 p.m. Sunday night, according to a police report. She died at about noon Monday at a St. Louis hospital.

Stephens told police that the woman had threatened to kill herself, but that he didn't believe she would do it, Assistant Police Chief Kip Pomeroy said.

"This is the first time we have experienced a suicide where a person took a substantial step to

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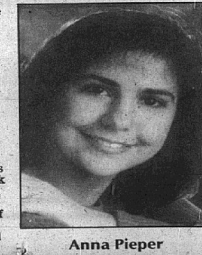
## Top Teen

Anna Pieper had an enviable decision to make this past summer. She was offered presidential scholarships to two colleges.

Westminster's loss was McGilchrist's gain. ALGHS, Pieper was 13th in her graduating class, an Illinois State Scholar, named to Who's Who Among American High School Students, and active in National Honor Society, Chorus, SADD and a number of clubs.

Outside of school, she served as a gymnastics teacher for the park district, volunteered at Holy Family Learning Center and SEMC and served as chairman of the DARE carnival.

She is the daughter of Alan and Kathy Pieper.



Anna Pieper

Weight restriction  
cuts bridge trafficBy Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

Weight restrictions will be in place on the old Chain of Rocks Bridge until early November after an Illinois Department of Transportation inspection revealed problems with the bridge's structural steel.

Joe Crowe, district operations engineer for IDOT, said the restrictions were put in place Monday. Until repairs are completed, single units will be limited to 15 tons, and double units (tractor-trailers) limited to 20 tons.

The normal legal load is 40 tons. Vehicles will also continue to be restricted to 10 miles per hour.

"We did an inspection last week and found some problems with the structural steel," Crowe said.

IDOT crews are making initial repairs, and he said more repairs will be done by contractors. That work should begin in November.

"The weight restrictions will remain in place until the contract work is half done," he said. (See BRIDGE, Page 7A)

## LOCAL NEWS

## News in review

News in review provides a summary of some of the past week's stories. This column is designed for out-of-town readers who do not receive the Sunday and Wednesday Press-Record Journals.

## Dog killed after biting boy

A four-year-old boy was hospitalized Friday after being bitten by a dog in Venice.

Venice police said they would discuss the case with the Madison County State's Attorney's office before deciding what charges the owner might face.

LeWayne Jones, 4, the son of Michelle Lott of Venice, was taken to St. Elizabeth Medical Center and treated for bite wounds on his leg, buttocks and groin. He spent the night at the hospital for observation and was released the next day.

Lott said LeWayne was to see a doctor Wednesday about plastic surgery.

The dog, described as a large mixed-breed, possibly part Rottweiler, was destroyed by police after several attempts to capture it. The dog's body was taken by Madison County Animal Control, and was sent to a lab Monday morning for a rabies test.

## Amisch new health officer

A former Madison alderman has been named the city's new health officer and head of the zoning board.

George Amisch replaces Larry Brinker as head of the zoning board, and Grover Brannon as health officer.

In his letter of resignation, Brinker cited other commitments as his reason for stepping down.

Brannon, who has been criticized by several aldermen at recent council meetings, also submitted a letter of resignation.

## 6 face drug, weapon charges

Six people were arrested on various charges during a drug and weapon sweep through Brooklyn, Venice and Madison last week.

Police also confiscated 19 grams of cocaine and 100 grams of marijuana. No weapons were found.

Officers from the Illinois State Police, the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, the U.S. Marshals' Office, Illinois Department of Corrections and Madison County Department conducted the sweep Thursday evening from about 4 p.m. to midnight.

## City man cleared in shooting

A 59-year-old Granite City man has been cleared of any wrongdoing in connection with the Sept. 6 shooting death of his 20-year-old neighbor.

A Madison County grand jury returned a no true bill Thursday. A no true bill indicates that the jury found insufficient evidence to file a charge.

The man police say admitted shooting Gary L. Hoerle Jr., of the 1700 block of Primrose Avenue, did not testify before the grand jury, police said.

## Tax breaks proposed

The owners of Gateway International Raceway in Madison are seeking to extend a Madison County enterprise zone to St. Clair County.

The raceway, located on Illinois 203, was purchased in November by Grand Prix Association of Long Beach in California. The company is currently renovating the complex.

In a letter to the Madison City Council read at the Sept. 12 meeting, Mary Kane of Stifel, Nicolaus and Co., a Belleville investment company working with the raceway owners to finance development of the course, asked that the city request extension of the enterprise zone to include the race track and Gateway Midstate Truck Plaza and aggressively pursue a tax increment finance district for the area.

Both enterprise zones and tax increment finance districts are financing tools used to spur economic development by offering tax incentives.

## Oldest building is no more

By Bob Slate  
Staff writer

The oldest building in Granite City is coming down.

And with it go a lot of history and memories of a brighter era for downtown Granite City.

A crew from Jerry Williams and Sons General Contractor Co. of East St. Louis began razing the former Leader Department store, 19th and State streets, last week.

"Once upon a time, it was a meeting place for a number of groups in the community. They had plays and dances on Saturday night and held church services on Sunday morning," said Elmer Stille, owner of Tops and Bottoms clothing store across the street and an officer of the Old Six Mile historical society.

"It was kind of the meeting place. They didn't have the theaters we have now," Stille said.

19th Street in the downtown area was once a center of commercial and social activity, Stille said.

The demolition has unearthed several almost-forgotten treasures. Earlier this week, for example, members of the demolition crew discovered a grand piano in a room on the third floor of the building.

Georgia Engkeke, a Granite City historian, said she had been aware of the piano for some time, but that it has been impossible to remove the instrument due to narrow doorways and hallways.

"It was taken to the third floor in pieces and put together. They couldn't get it out without taking it apart," Engkeke said.

The initial building at the site was built in 1893 and housed Rosenberg's Five and Dime.



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

Workers clear up debris left from demolition of the old Leader Department Store building.

Development Director Dan Brown said.

Brian Fuzessery, chairman of the City Council's Downtown Rehabilitation Committee, said the city plans to raze the former Woolworth Department Store building, located at 19th Street and Edison Avenue — just a block away from the Leader site — before the end of the year.

Leader went out of business earlier this year, following the death of owner Irv Strauss exactly one year ago today.

David Guttin, Strauss' father-in-law, owned the store in the 1950s. Strauss, who married Guttin's daughter Marcia, later took over management of the department store.

Marcia Strauss donated the building to the city earlier this year.

When demolition is completed, the city plans to either put the property on the market or pave it as a parking lot, Economic

## Pawn shop owner faces charges

The owner of a local pawn shop and two other men — one from Cahokia and one from Centerville — have been charged with home invasion for allegedly beating a Granite City man in his home Sunday night while trying to collect a debt.

Nick Lindwedel, 25, of St. Louis, owner of Empire Pawn and Jewelry at 3142 Nameoki Road; Lennie D. Johnson, 35, of Cahokia; and Vincent C. Cookwood, 27, of Centerville, were all charged with the Class X felony in warrants issued Monday.

Bonds on the warrants are \$100,000 each.

The three allegedly went to the Grand Avenue home of a 29-year-old man and hit him with their fists, according to the charge.

The victim, who was at home alone at the time of the alleged attack, told police he owed Lindwedel a large sum of money from a loan.

Lindwedel met the other two men at a local fast-food restaurant and asked them to come along to help collect the debt, police reported.

The three suspects denied having touched the victim.

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## Jury of 11 convicts man

A Madison County jury has found a DeWitt, Ill., man guilty of aggravated criminal sexual assault in a 1994 incident involving a 10-year-old boy at the Holiday Inn in Collinsville.

The jury had only 11 jurors, but the verdict stands. After five hours of deliberation last Thursday, the jury found Louis P. Rolofson Jr., 51, of DeWitt, guilty of assaulting the Clinton, Ill., boy. The verdict delighted Collinsville police who investigated the Aug. 22, 1994, incident with the Department of Children and Family Services in Bloomington.

"We're very proud and very happy with it," said Detective Sgt. Ron Borkowski. "Assistant State's Attorney Teresa Brown" did a terrific job prosecuting this case.

Borkowski said that Rolofson, a family acquaintance of the boy, had taken the youth on a trip to Grant's Farm and Six Flags and had stopped for the night in Collinsville. During that stay Rolofson fondled and licked the boy, Borkowski said.

Rolofson maintained that "nothing" happened, Borkowski said. Rolofson told authorities that he was giving the boy a backrub, consoling him because he missed his mother.

The case had an unusual twist when less than two hours into deliberations, a juror suffered an injury to one of her arms and had to be taken to the hospital.

"We didn't know what was going to happen," Borkowski said.

The defense agreed to proceed with deliberations with only 11 jurors. The case was the first of its kind in the county, Associate Judge J. Lawrence Keshner said.

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# Ban urged on large beer bottles

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

Because of increased problems with broken bottles and public drinking, a Venice alderman has asked that the council approve a ban on the sale of large glass beer bottles at the next meeting.

Alderman Victor Valentine asked City Attorney Casper Nighobossian to have the ordinance ready for the Oct. 3 meeting.

"It has intensified," Valentine said of the bottle and drinking problem. "It has got out of hand."

The ordinance was originally proposed in February, but has been discussed several times by the council, but no action has been taken.

It is based on a similar ordinance approved last year in Alton. According to

police there, it has significantly reduced the number of broken bottles on city streets and lots.

Originally, Valentine had asked that all glass beer and malt liquor bottles 22 ounces or larger be banned. At Tuesday's meeting he said the ban should include bottles 20 ounces or larger.

Liquor store owners selling the large bottles could face a \$500 fine under the proposed ordinance.

Wine and other alcoholic products are not included, and the ordinance would not deal with possession of the bottles by individuals.

In addition to the litter the bottles create, Valentine said police were having to deal with an increasing number of incidents involving the bottles.

"This problem has seemed to escalate to

the point where they're not shooting at each other, they're throwing bottles," Valentine also asked police to step up enforcement of ordinances against public drinking and underage liquor sales.

He said the number of people hanging around bars and liquor stores drinking has increased.

"When I go to work at 8 a.m., I have to go around them," Valentine said. "They don't even get out the (liquor store) door before they pop the cap."

Valentine also said the drinkers were a danger to children.

"Little kids can't even go to the store to get some candy," he said. "The police are going to have to pressure a little more."

Mayor Tyrone Echols told Police Chief James Bennett to research the ordinance and "enforce it to the letter of the law."

## Adult business bill OK'd

Madison County Board members received a roaring ovation from a packed gallery Wednesday as they unanimously passed a resolution designed to regulate adult businesses in unincorporated areas of the county.

Citizens of Pin Oak Township had pushed the county to take action against adult establishments earlier this month when a Tennessee man announced plans to open an adult magazine and movie store near the intersection of Illinois 143 and Interstate 55 north of Edwardsville.

The I-55 Exit 23 Bookstore opened Tuesday despite daily picketers who carried signs denouncing pornography. The picketers created an overflow crowd at Wednesday's meeting.

Another adult shop, the Soft Touch Bookstore, opened in the same area in 1989, and residents told board members they were upset legislation had not been put in place since that time to keep similar establishments from moving in, Dunstan said.

The new law applies not only to the bookstores, but any other adult establishment such as cabarets, adult movie theatres and massage parlors, Assistant Madison County State's Attorney Michele Berkel, who drafted the ordinance, said.

## The Great Worm Wager

Teacher agrees to eat fried worm if students read 100 books each by next April

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

In an attempt to hook her students on reading, Dot Bailey — a fourth-grade teacher at Marshall Elementary School in Granite City — is dangling some interesting bait.

A worm.

After getting the idea from a children's book, Bailey and the students made a wager. If each student reads 100 books, she will eat a fried worm. If the students fail, they will eat the worms.

"The children and I read a novel entitled 'How to Eat Fried Worms' by Thomas Rockwell," she said.

The book is about four young boys and a bet on who could eat 15 fried worms.

"This is a story about all the shenanigans the boys pulled trying to get this boy (who liked worms) not to eat the worms," she said.

"After finishing the story, Bailey said, her students asked if she would eat a worm.

"I said I will if you will promise to read 100 books between now and April 15," she said.

Each book must be at least 40 pages long. Longer books (more than 80 pages) can count for more than one. Bailey said she will also allow magazine reading, if the students keep

count of the number of pages.

Bailey said the wager has been very effective. "I've had a lot of book reports turned in the first week," she said. "We've had the challenge going for a week, and they're all reading."

"I have a feeling that I'm going to be eating a worm in April," Bailey added. "My children have told me our school cook will be able to prepare the worm, and if I like I could use mayonnaise, mustard or catsup."

She was not sure exactly how the worm would be prepared, but hoped it would be "chicken-fried."

"My children said it would be OK if they floured it," she said.

Bailey said she has tried to tie the worm story together with science lessons on worms.

"I got the idea from The Missouri Conservation magazine," she said. "We learned all the parts of the worm."

"We each had our own worm to examine, and we did a few experiments with vibrations and light and dark," she said.

One of the most important discoveries was which end was which.

"The children couldn't determine which end was the head and which was the other end, and it was very interesting to note that one of the worms did us a favor by going to the



Dot Bailey and members of her class involved in the worm wager

bathroom," she said.

Another interesting fact is that worms have both male and female genders.

"So you can't say 'hello Mr. Worm, or hello Mrs. Worm,'" she said.

## BAC offers courses here for senior citizens

Belleville Area College will offer French, creative writing and basic drawing as noncredit courses this fall at the Granite City Campus, 4650 Maryville Road in Granite City, as part of the lifelong learning program.

The lifelong learning program courses are geared to the interests of adults age 60 and older. But, the classes are not limited to senior citizens.

Conversational French, a course in survival vocabulary for travelers, will run from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Mondays, from Oct. 2 through Nov. 6. Write on, a creative writing course for beginners

will run from 2 to 4 p.m. Tuesdays, from Sept. 26 to Oct. 31. "FUN"amentals of drawing, a basic drawing class for beginners, will run from 10 to 3 p.m. Wednesdays, from Sept. 27 through Nov. 1. Fees for the course are \$42 each.

For adults 60 years of age or older, tuition is \$35 per credit hour for regularly scheduled classes and \$30 per credit hour for afternoon college classes. Free tuition is extended to adults older than 60 with an annual household income of less than \$14,000. The \$10 application fee will be waived for all senior citizens.

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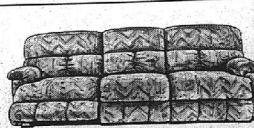
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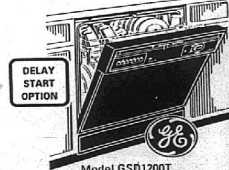
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# Opinion

## Medicare issue concerns many

On Oct. 1, the United States government will begin its 1996 fiscal year, a year of major changes in Medicare and other federal programs. (Medicare provides health insurance for the elderly and the disabled.)

Since many rules and funding allocations are to be revised, senior citizens and others are keeping a wary eye on Congress during the fall portion of the legislative session.

For the first time, the 37 million Medicare enrollees will find definite cost consequences to the choices they face.

If they want to be free to choose any physician, they may have to pay "a pretty stiff price," says Jack Meyer, president of New Directions for Policy, a Washington research group. The alternative would be enrolling in a plan that limits one's choice of doctors.

The goal is to curtail Medicare spending by \$270 billion (in expected cost growth) and thus to "save" the health-care program from going broke in the year 2002.

Dr. Beatrice Braun of the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) says such a reduction is too severe.

Even half of that amount would add \$3,400 over the next seven years to enrollees' out-of-pocket medical expenses, including deductibles, premiums and insurance, she estimates. Current costs run about \$2,750 a year.

Testifying before a U.S. House Ways and Means panel, she recommended reducing future Part A Medicare (hospital costs) spending by \$110 billion, which she believes would keep the program solvent for 10 years. During the next decade, she says, Uncle Sam could study various approaches and adopt long-range reforms and savings.

Projected cost-cutting would reduce payments to both physicians and hospitals. The American Medical Association favors some of the proposed reforms but wants limits removed on how much doctors can charge above what Medicare pays.

Thomas Mann of the Brookings Institution warns against excessive benefit reductions and fee increases for enrollees.

Congressional proposals would offer beneficiaries several ways to receive medical care, such as encouraging them to join HMOs (health maintenance organizations) or other types of managed care, rather than staying in traditional "fee-for-service" care.

Another possibility is that the government would no longer pay the bulk of health-care bills. Instead, new beneficiaries would get vouchers with which



to buy private health insurance. If private insurance costs more than the U.S. is willing to pay, the individual would make up the difference.

Yet to be answered are how low-income people would be able to afford higher premiums and co-payments, and how the oldest and sickest could be sure of a chance to obtain coverage and benefits.

Republicans say the public backs their efforts to balance the federal budget over the next seven years. Democrats favor nine years and urge smaller cuts.

Noting that Medicare's trustees have predicted it will become insolvent unless changed, the Republicans have sought bipartisan support and accuse Democrats of a "Medicare" campaign to scare voters. Democrats say the U.S. cannot afford to simultaneously balance the budget and reduce taxes.

House Minority Leader Richard Gephardt says there can be no bipartisan effort to save Medicare as there is an attempt to "raid" it to pay for tax cuts.

House Speaker Newt Gingrich says he and Senate Leader Robert Dole are willing to discuss potential Medicare solutions with President Bill Clinton.

Horace B. Deets, AARP executive director, comments: "The goal of reforming Medicare must be to strengthen it, not simply to reach arbitrary budget targets to provide tax cuts the country cannot afford right now."

"The \$270 billion reduction proposed is beyond what the program can absorb without jeopardizing quality and access for millions of older and disabled Americans."

"Congress should address Medicare reform in a two-stage process. First, moderate cuts to ensure solvency for the next decade. Second, deal with the long-term financial stability, including structural changes."

"This would provide more time for a thorough public debate on proposed options and their possible impact on beneficiaries and their families."

"The central issue is whether Medicare will be allowed to continue to provide a health-care plan on which people can rely."



## Pack finally sends Packwood packing

How many of you remember Gov. Jim Folsom of Alabama, some four or five decades back?

"Big Jim" and "Big 'un" were a couple of Folsom's nicknames, but he was most widely known as "Kissin' Jim" for his campaign habit of "kissin' every baby over 16."

He bragged that he'd kissed 50,000 gals and "got the vote of every last one of them."

His political rallies featured a hillbilly band that played his theme song, "Kissin' Up Gals, Here Comes Kissin' Jim."

An Alabama Journalist, William Bradford Huie, writing about Folsom and his often checkered career and amatory exploits, reminded us that "Most of the great stories of humanity are about sex and politics. The Greeks wrote about sex and politics; the Romans wrote; and Shakespeare wrote about them; the Bible is full of sex and politics." Huie wrote, however, that when most Americans read about sex and politics they "want it to be fiction or else about people who lived long ago."

I'm not sure that's true these days. For that matter, publicity never seemed to hurt Kissin' Jim. I'd guess that Alabamians just chuckled, "Good ol' boys

will be boys" and marked the ballot for Jim.

Actually, Folsom aside, there's plenty of precedent for Kissin' Bob Packwood, as a smidgen of research would show. At least there is for the womanizing. He's not the first and he won't be the last.

Back in Folsom's era, no one talked about sexual harassment, but Packwood should have known better. Further, Packwood wasn't out on the campaign trail, bussing the Oregon female constituency, nor was he following the examples of guys like Wilbur Mills and Earl Long and concentrating his affections on exotic dancers.

Most of Packwood's sexual advances, unwelcome according to the numerous women who spoke out against him, were directed at female members of his own staff or women whose jobs could be threatened in one way or another by his power as a United States senator.

They were women who found themselves, thanks to the Oregon senator, between a rock and a hard place. Bad choice of targets on Packwood's part, to say nothing of a flagrant abuse of power. I guess if you need a job badly enough, it's easier to let the boss chase you around the desk and hope to get out the door than it is to employ the highly effective knee-to-groin tactic.

To make matters worse, he kept diaries that not only included his philanderings but also the details of senatorial power-for-sale; names and dates and numbers; details of how lobbyists and influence peddlers could buy legislative help.

Perhaps the saddest thing is that he knew exactly what he was doing and, at least in some cases, had twinges of conscience about his actions.

In trying to secure a part-time job for his soon-to-be-divorced wife in '89 (hopefully to avoid paying her alimony), he was hitting up friends and favor-seekers to give her a job and admitting in the diary that, from an ethical standpoint, "I'm skating on thin ice here."

And for a capper, he tried to obstruct the Senate ethics committee's inquiry by withholding and altering and even destroying evidence that included both written and audiotaped diary material.

Even after his resignation from the Senate, he has continued to attempt defense by insisting that some of the diary entries are inaccurate and some of the recorded events never happened, or, if they did, he was too drunk at the time to remember.

It's easy to damn Packwood's behavior, both in terms of his harassment of his women aides and his cynical use of senatorial power, but somehow, I feel a little sorry for the guy. He's come across as a very lonely, very insecure man and, at least to me, those qualities engender a little pity.

Or at least they would until I remember that by resigning before the rest of the gang expelled him, he's managed to salvage, if not respect, his pension and health benefits.

Still and all, he's not done anything a lot of others in the country's most exclusive club haven't done (or may still be doing). Poor guy, he just broke the 11th Commandment: Thou shalt not get caught.

Carol Clarkin

## Letters to the editor

### Signal may save a child's life

TO THE EDITOR:

How many dead children are equal to one stop light? Maybe if the life of one child happens to be from political active parents the ratio would be much smaller.

Let's hope it doesn't come to such comparison to get a red light installed for all children.

HELEN HAWKINS  
Nameless Township

### Let's learn about Constitution

TO THE EDITOR:

Abigail Adams wrote to her husband, John, who was attending the Continental Congress in 1776.

"In the new code of laws, which I suppose it will be necessary for you to make, I desire you would remember the ladies and be more generous and favorable to them than your ancestors. Do not put such unlimited powers in the hands of the husbands. Remember, all men would be tyrants if they could. If particular care and attention is not paid to the ladies, we are determined to form a rebellion and will not submit ourselves bound by any laws in which we have no voice or representation."

The Drusilla Andrews Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution urges all citizens to become more knowledgeable about the Constitution of the United States during Constitution Week, Sept. 17-23.

JILL STRAKE  
Constitution Week Chairman  
Drusilla Andrews Chapter DAR  
Granite City

### Gephardt plan one of many

TO THE EDITOR:

Correspondent Roger McGrath's article in a recent issue of the *Journal* was informative, but misleading.

McGrath apparently interviewed Missouri Congressman Dick Gephardt about his recent tax reform proposal. But where has McGrath been the past six months? He acts as if efforts to reform the tax code are something new generated by Gephardt.

Understandably, Gephardt is more-or-less a local politician — with the emphasis on "politician" — so it is appropriate for his comments to appear in the local paper. But McGrath was irresponsible, or at least misinformed, to not put Gephardt's plan in context with other tax reform proposals, such as House Majority Leader Dick Armey's flat tax proposal; one sentence about it at least!

For that matter, where has Gephardt been for the past 20 years? If the voters had not taken the initiative away from long-time Capitol Hill types like Gephardt and given it to a new group of representatives who are pushing for real reform, he'd still be snuggling with his favorite special interest groups instead of making tax reform proposals.

Gephardt's plan would allow voters to approve tax rate increases? Isn't this the same man who voted against an earlier amendment that would have done just that?

CYRIL JOHNSON  
Waterloo

### Snakes not suitable pet

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to address this to the person who let their seven-foot boa constrictor loose.

I live on Maryville Road. Last Tuesday, Aug. 29, when I got home from work, I opened the patio blinds. Much to my surprise, when I looked out on the sun deck, I could see a snake's head and four inches of his body. The rest of him was concealed behind a step. I knew from his color he was no ordinary yard snake. My first impulse was to kill him before he escaped, not knowing if he was poisonous.

After my husband killed him and we pulled him out, we saw

we had a seven-foot snake. There has been nothing to this date in the paper of someone looking for a lost snake, so we assume it was turned loose.

Can you imagine someone with a heart condition confronting a snake of this size in their yard or on their porch? After this experience, I'm all for a law against owning large snakes for pets.

DOROTHY BARRETT  
Granite City

### 7 'A's provide self-esteem

TO THE EDITOR:

To raise self-esteem and keep out gangs:

The seven "A's" provide self-esteem for children.

Acknowledgment — Of their opinion and viewpoint.

Acceptance — Love your children just the way they are.

Approval — Only children can change themselves.

Appreciation — Communicate, they are your treasures.

Attention — Love to a child is T-I-M-E.

Affection — Lots of love and hugging for support.

Admiration — Each child is a gift wrapped differently.

BERNICE CRIMMINS  
Madison

### Humor the ruler?

TO THE EDITOR:

I see where Newt (Gingrich)

and the other boys in the Capitol Gang would just as soon see those who qualify for Social Security and Medicare in hell.

Seeing as those age groups are no garden of delight, perhaps we ought to humor this newly risen ruler of the world.

It does seem to me that old

Newt, since it would be a service to him, could provide a couple of bullets, or even an all-expense-paid vacation to the home of Jack Kevorkian. That just seems fair....

THOMAS RANDANT  
Collinsville

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# People



The home of Louise Jimerson, 1028 Market Street, Madison.

## Home Pride winners named

Five area homeowners have been honored as the September 1995 recipients of Home Pride Awards.

The program, sponsored by the Tri-Cities Area Chamber of Commerce and the *Granite City Press-Record Journal*, was established in 1991 to honor those whose properties reflect pride in ownership.

The final winners of the award for 1995 are: Don and Tracy Whitecotton, 3519 Johnson Road; Wallace and Darlene Smock, 2455 Lynch Ave.; Louise Jimerson, 1028 Market Street, Madison; George and Pauline Valicoff, 1540 Lindell Blvd.; and Jimmy and Pamela Dean, 4620 D'Lynn Drive.

The Home Pride Awards program places special emphasis on those properties that have become models for the rest of their neighborhood. Included are homeowners who have remodeled, planted floral gardens, cleaned up properties or otherwise demonstrated significant pride in the display of their homes and surrounding properties, chamber officials said.

Homes are selected purely on the basis of nomination by members of the community. Nominations are open to any residence (including Quad City area, including Nameoki, Chouteau, Venice and Granite City townships).

The *Press-Record Journal* publishes the names of the winners and pictures of their homes on the third Thursday of each month in the spring and summer.

Prious winners are not eligible for the award.

Winners will be presented a certificate.

To nominate someone for the honor, simply send the person's name, address, telephone number and reason for the award to the Chamber of Commerce, 1831 Delmar Ave., Granite City, IL 62040. The chamber office can be reached at 876-6400 if more information is needed.

This month's winners have all made great efforts to improve their property as well as their neighborhood, according to those nominating them. Following are comments made about each of the winners.

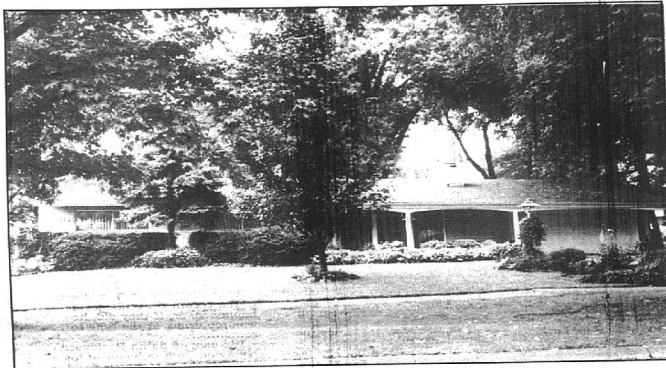
**Don and Tracy Whitecotton:** "This young couple has only been in the residence for two years and they have been making improvements to better their home and the whole neighborhood."

**Wallace and Darlene Smock:** "Even though Wally is retired, he manages to maintain the lawn and home with great care and pride."

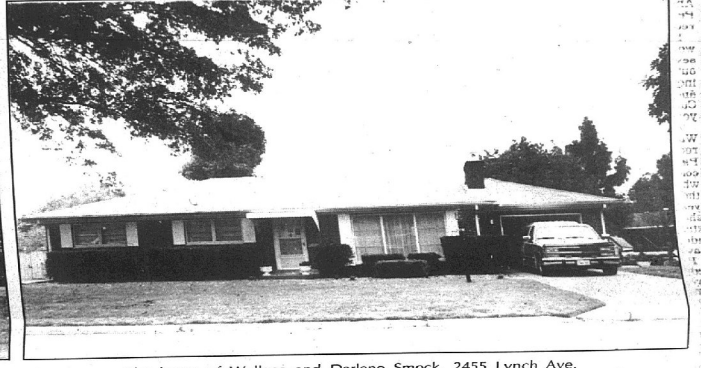
**Louise Jimerson:** "Mrs. Jimerson takes pride in mowing and trimming her grass every Monday morning. She is a senior citizen. Her back yard is beautiful with decorations of artificial animals and flowers."

**George and Pauline Valicoff:** "The colorful flowers and landscaping make a beautiful park-like setting."

**Jimmy and Pamela Dean:** "Many improvements and new landscaping make this home deserving of a Home Pride Award." The Home Pride Awards will return in the spring.



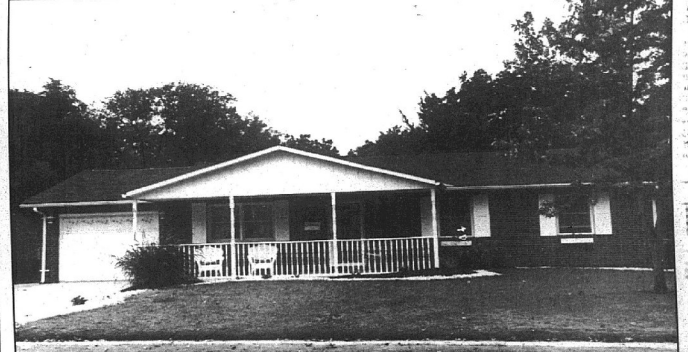
The home of George and Pauline Valicoff, 1540 Lindell Blvd.



The home of Wallace and Darlene Smock, 2455 Lynch Ave.



The home of Jimmy and Pamela Dean, 4620 D'Lynn Drive.



The home of Don and Tracy Whitecotton, 3519 Johnson Road.

## Readers supply photo captions

Readers of the *Granite City Press-Record* have responded with a variety of captions for a group of unusual photos presented in the Aug. 31 edition of the newspaper.

The just-for-fun contest included seven photos for which we sought clever captions. Charles E. Geer of Granite City supplied this caption for the photo at left: "No darling, it's strong enough for a man, but it's made for a woman."

Charlene Stauder offered this for the photo at right: "Mom, do you have to drop me off at school right in front of my friends?"

Other captions offered: "If politicians get any better about dancing around things, we're out of a job!" — Charles E. Geer.

For photo of buzzard: "I thought birds of a feather flock together. Where's the others?" — Carol Braundmeier.

For photo of pachyderms: "Now son, you see why mommy always keeps a spare in her trunk." — Charles E. Geer.

For photo of flooded field: "Here's what happened after Trish said it wouldn't." — Charles E. Geer.

For photo of gorilla: "What do you mean... bad hair day?" — Charlene Stauder.



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By Mike Viola  
Staff writer

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# MetroLink extension gets \$8 million grant

By Mike Viola  
Staff writer

Gordon Linton, administrator of the Federal Transit Administration, presented a grant for \$8 million to local officials on Monday to start work on extending MetroLink to Scott Air Force Base.

A ceremony was held at MetroLink's 5th and Missouri streets station in East St. Louis and was attended by a variety of mayors, county and federal officials.

"Without everybody's help and working together this would not have been possible," said Bill McLaughlin, East St. Louis Township Supervisor and St. Clair County Board member. "And most importantly without the voters' support this would have never taken place."

The federal grant will be used to conduct preliminary engineering for the extension which will eventually run from the fifth and Missouri streets station to Mid-American Airport at

Scott Air Force Base.

The 24.8 mile extension will feature 13 stations and 11 park-and-ride lots.

The extension will travel from East St. Louis through Fairview Heights, Swansea Belleville, Shiloh, O'Fallon and end at Scott.

The existing MetroLink system stretches from Lambert International Airport to East St. Louis. Construction on the extension should begin in late 1996 and take slightly more than three years to complete.

"When this is finished it will be the only light rail system in America that will connect two airports," Linton said.

U.S. Rep. Jerry Costello has lead efforts in Washington D.C. along with U.S. Rep. Dick Durbin to get funding so that MetroLink could come into Illinois.

On Monday, Costello said the investment made by the federal government in MetroLink has been a success.

"A lot of people said that

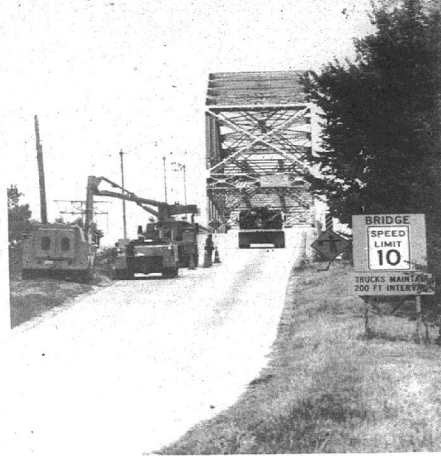
when you build it nobody would come, but the ridership has passed all expectations and now it is used as the standard for other cities," Costello said.

Durbin said funding for MetroLink continues to be a priority for Congress even with proposed belt-tightening by the federal government.

Robert Furmanek, chairman of the Bi-State Development Board, explained that in its first two years, MetroLink has served 20 million commuters.

Furmanek grew up in East St. Louis, just a few blocks from the Fifth and Missouri street station. He said MetroLink has already shown its value in helping revise the East St. Louis economy.

"A few years ago they said nobody would come here on MetroLink for fear of their life but they have come and this is going to be the greatest comeback city in America," said East St. Louis Mayor Gordon Bush.



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESI)

Workers repair a weakened section of the old Chain of Rocks Bridge.

## Bridge

(Continued from Page 1A)

Most of the traffic on the bridge is trash trucks going to the landfill operated by Waste Management Inc. on Chouteau Island. Glenn O'Bryan, general manager for both the Chain of Rocks and Millam landfills, said most of the refuse is being diverted to Millam.

"We're still open (at Chain of Rocks) but with the weight restrictions on the bridge, most of our customers are going to Millam," O'Bryan said he was pleased with IDOT's response.

"It's an aging structure that needs a little attention," he said. "Normally about 200 per day vehicles cross the bridge to get to the landfill. The number has been cut in half, but the volume has been 'substantially reduced' because only the smaller vehicles can go across."

The Chain of Rocks Bridge is slated for approximately \$5.5 million in repairs.

IDOT had originally proposed a new \$4 million interchange on Interstate 270 to provide access to the landfill, but dropped that plan after complaints from farmers.

Farm machinery is prohibited on interstate highways. IDOT had proposed closing the old Chain of Rocks Bridge — built in 1948 — because the cost of replacing it was estimated at almost four times the cost of the new intersection, almost \$15 million.

## Housing projects get funds

Olin Home residents in East Alton will get a lift from new elevators expected to be installed by spring.

The elevators and improvements to the fire protection system will be funded by part of a \$1.71 million federal grant awarded last week to the Madison County Housing Authority.

Also receiving funds are projects in Madison and Venice. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development grant is restricted to projects to modernize and upgrade public housing in the county.

"This grant is an important investment, which will help provide decent, affordable housing to residents," said U.S. Rep. Dick Durbin, a member of the House Appropriations Committee that oversees HUD funding. The award is an annual grant under HUD's Comprehensive Grant Program designed to renovate various housing.

The first \$630,000 will be used to replace elevators at the Olin Building in East Alton and the Brenner Building in Collinsville. The Grenzer Homes in Madison will get \$720,000 for renovations, and the Viola Jones Homes in Venice will get \$8,000 for telephone jacks.

Kevin McReynolds, director of modernization and grants for the Housing Authority, said the remaining funds will be used for architectural and engineering fees for all the projects and administrative fees for the work.

"We had a budget cut of 18 percent this year from more than \$2 million in grants awarded in previous years, but we did not touch the money for the elevators," McReynolds said.

"We know there are some serious problems there, so we cut all the projects except the Olin and Brenner buildings. Elevators are our No. 1 priority."

Funds are expected to be released in December, based on the authority's budget approved by HUD. Renovations will begin after HUD approves proposals. McReynolds said renovations will be completed over a three-year period, but the new elevators may be finished by spring.

From the Alton Telegraph

## Summerstage auditions set

Summerstage will hold open auditions for its holiday production of "Here's Love," the musical version of the holiday classic "The Miracle on 34th Street." Auditions begin at 6:30 p.m. for children and at 7:30 p.m. for teens and adults on Wednesday, Sept. 27, at the Summerstage Theatre, 2906 Pershing. Those auditioning should bring one prepared song. An accompanist will be provided.

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Play time — Three-year old Courtney Patterson plays with the puppy Chloé along the sidelines of the Granite City Warriors soccer game against Belleville East. Chloé is owned by Sheryl Lyons, who works with Courtney's mother Connie at Granite City High School.

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## THE LAW AND YOU

By RICK REED  
Attorney At Law

Recently a man contacted this office and indicated that his mother had died. At the time of her death, there was a will providing that her property be divided equally among her three sons. She owned a home valued at \$60,000, two Certificates of Deposit with each having a value of approximately \$20,000, a car, and miscellaneous furniture. The question arose as to how the property should be divided at the time of her death.

In this particular case, the mother had intended her children to divide the property equally. However, she had made certain children joint tenants with regard to certain pieces of property. For instance, at the time of her husband's death, she had established a joint tenancy with her oldest son with regard to her residence. Her middle son was named as joint tenant on the two Certificates of Deposit while the youngest son's name was not included with regard to any of the assets.

Subsequent to the time the woman created these joint tenancies, she had her will prepared indicating that all assets should be divided equally. It was obviously her intent to treat all children the same with regard to property division at the time of her death. However, when she established joint tenancies with certain of the children, she really defeated the purpose expressed in her will. Generally speaking, joint tenancy property passes outside the will. If a person creates a joint tenancy, the surviving joint tenant will take the asset in its entirety when the first joint tenant dies.

With regard to this particular case, this meant that the car and the furniture would be divided equally among the three children since these assets were not in joint tenancy. The home would pass to the oldest son as the surviving joint tenant, and the Certificates of Deposit would pass to the middle son in the same manner. Of course, the children could agree among themselves to divide the assets equally if they so desired.

However, the oldest son and the middle son would not be obligated to divide the joint tenancy assets equally if they were not so inclined. By establishing the joint tenancy, the mother ensured that the surviving joint tenant would take the asset at the time of her death. Unfortunately, this result probably did not coincide with her real intention as expressed in the will.

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## County seeking additional space for coroner

Madison County officials will look at adjacent rooms in the Administration Building as a possible answer to Coroner Dallas Burke's request for more space.

Members of the County Board's Buildings Committee said Monday they think the price tag for renovating space in the former county environmental lab on Troy Road is too high. Burke had suggested relocating the coroner's office to the building, which already houses the county morgue.

"As far as I'm concerned, we promised the county's residents we'd have everything in one place (the Administration Building) and they wouldn't have to run all around," committee member Jack Frandsen said. Buildings Administrator Marty Siglock told the committee Monday he estimates it would cost \$229,000 to renovate the Troy Road building's second and third floors and comply with public safety and access requirements.

"I would hate to spend \$229,000 to go out there, but I can see her problem — she's running out of space," committee member William "Skip"

Krumeich said. Burke has said her office is so cramped that two investigators share an office, another has a desk in a reception area and another has a desk in the office's records room. Privacy for interviews is a problem and some records are being stored in the morgue, she said.

Burke and other officials suggested that moving the office to the morgue would allow the 911 Department to move into the coroner's current office and free space for a needed expansion of the state's attorney's office on the fourth floor.

The committee directed Siglock to work with Burke to determine if the coroner's office could be expanded into adjacent space now used as a conference room and a small adjacent office that is unoccupied.

— From the Alton Telegraph

## Davis may get new opponent

SPRINGFIELD — River Bend Growth Association executive vice president Jim Mihalich says it's premature to confirm he will run against state Rep. Steve Davis, but he will have a statement by the end of the week.

Ted Prehn, Bethalto, who narrowly lost to Davis, a Bethalto Democrat, in 1994, has changed his mind about running again in 1996 for the 11th Illinois House District after announcing his candidacy in June, sources said.

"I can confirm we will have a prepared statement toward the end of the week," Mihalich said Monday. "It's a little premature now. We want to do a joint announcement if Ted decided not to do it and I do come in."

He added, "I'm kind of excited about the prospects." Prehn said Monday, "I'll have a statement by the end of the week. I've been considering a lot of things," declining to be more specific.

Mihalich declined to comment on whether he has met with House Speaker Lee Danielson or his staff. Daniels flew to Bethalto on June 26 to personally pledge support for Prehn's rematch against Davis, who won by only 217 votes in 1994.

Neither Daniels nor his spokesman, Max O'Day, could be reached for comment Monday.

Mihalich said if he decided to run for the House seat, he would leave the Growth Association "on a permanent basis (because) we can't satisfy ourselves as apolitical."

The 52-year-old Rosewood Heights resident has been with the organization since retiring from Ameritech on June 30, 1994. Mihalich was the phone company for 28 years.

Mihalich said he has not previously been involved in politics or running for office.

## Holiday Harvest set at Relleke

Holiday Harvest at Relleke Pumpkin Patch near Cahokia Mounds is Sept. 30 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Oct. 1 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

There will be lots of food and fun for the family with proceeds going to help needy children.

Holiday Harvest is a not-for-profit foundation, created in 1976 by farmers to raise money for needy children in the St. Louis-Southern Illinois area and to promote the value of agriculture.

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# Sports

Section B  
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GRANITE CITY PRESS-RECORD

## BAC kickers building on '94 success

By Scott Marion  
Staff writer

Last season's 11-6-2 record was the best for the Belleville Area College soccer team in several years. Coach Larry Petri hopes 1995 can be even better.

"We have a sophomore-oriented group — the confidence is there and they know what to expect," said Petri, whose team was scheduled to play in the Johnson County Tournament this weekend. "Our defense should be as good or even better than last year."

"OUR SCHEDULE is better and our team is better. If we take those things in stride, hopefully it will all pan out."

With Doug Curtner (Springfield Lanphier) back for his sophomore season, the Dutchmen should again be strong in goal.

"With two other guys (freshman Greg Wieggers from Althoff and freshman Brian Hardy from Lebanon), we have some depth and flexibility at goalkeeper," Petri said. "Doug came into camp with his knee hurt, so he was a little behind. He played most of our first game (a 9-0 win over East Central on Sept. 2) and Wieggers played the last 10 or 15 minutes. Neither one of them was really tested."

"There's no doubt that Doug is still our No. 1 keeper. Wieggers and Hardy haven't had the opportunity to take the job away from him."

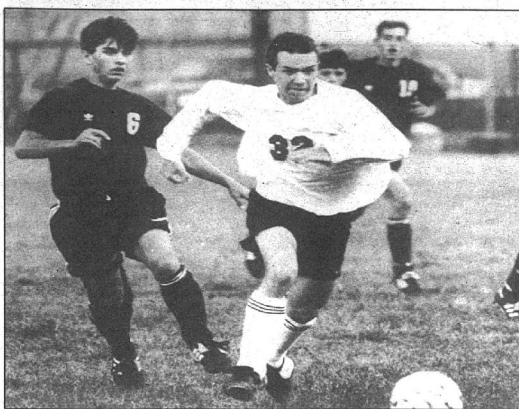
AT MIDFIELD, Jim Borah decided not to return for his sophomore year, while Mike Theis (Collinsville) injured his right knee over the summer playing on a club team.

"Mike is working his way back and just started practice (Sept. 8)," Petri said. "We could have nine sophomore starters (when Theis returns), so I look for them to step up and carry the load."

Freshman Matt Wilson from Granite City starts at sweeper and is joined in the backfield by sophomores Jason Baldus (Collinsville), Althoff High School; Mike Hrasaky (Belleville East) and Gerry Prather (Springfield Grifin).

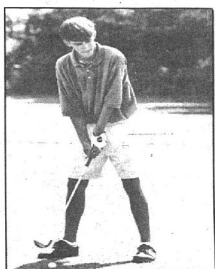
The midfielders are sophomores Marc Thomas (Althoff), Kris Kell (Springfield Southeast) and Todd Royling (Althoff) and freshman Chris Trappesser (Belleville East). Sophomore Marty Bub (Collinsville) and freshman Brian Stal (Chatham) start at forward.

"ALL THREE INCOMING (See BAC, Page 3B)



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

Granite City's Scott Mills outruns a defender to the ball. The Warriors improved to 6-3-2 with Tuesday's win.



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

David Martin shot a 38 to lead the Warriors in Tuesday's match at Arlington.

## Golfers salvage split in SWC match

By Rob Raphael  
Staff writer

The Granite City golf team got a look at the best and worst of the Southwestern Conference on Tuesday, as the Warriors went up against Belleville East and East St. Louis in a match of three SWC teams.

The Lancers scored 157 as a team, just better than the Warriors' 159 and much better than the Flyers' 250. The match was played on the front nine at Arlington Golf Club.

David Martin led Granite City with a 38, Dan Ray shot a 39, Pat Schuman shot 40 and Tim Harris shot 42. The Lancers got a nice even-par 36 from Jeff Duke, while Brian Herzog shot 38. Dave Johnson shot 41 and Brad Kuntz finished at 42.

THE WARRIORS FELL to 11-8 in dual competition, with only two regular season matches remaining. Granite City traveled to Mascoutah on Thursday to play the host

Indians and Civic Memorial and will play at Wood River on Tuesday against the Oilers and Edwardsville.

Granite City will compete at the Centralia Invitational on Saturday and face one of its larger tournament tests this season.

"It's getting late in the year," Warrior coach Boone Chaney said. "This is the time of year when you need to play your best, and it looks like conditions will be at their worst."

THE WARRIORS DID fairly well on Tuesday despite the constant rain and chilly conditions.

"I don't think they mind the cool temperatures," Chaney said. "It's the rain that makes for bad golf. But we shot pretty well that day."

One day the Warriors didn't shoot well was at Tamarack Golf Course last week in a triangular meet with O'Fallon and Mascoutah. O'Fallon won the meet with a 156, a score well within the Warriors' reach on

## Warriors rough way past Wentzville 4-2

Bernaix nets 3 PKs in tourney win

By Rob Raphael  
Staff writer

The sky was rainy, and the field was muddy Tuesday night at the Gauntlet in the second round of Pool B action in the Hazelwood Central Tournament. But that wasn't the ugliest aspect of the game by any stretch of the imagination.

One team came to play soccer, and one did not.

Granite City won a sloppy, violent contest 4-2 over Wentzville to improve to 1-0-1 in tournament pool play. Granite City tied Lafayette 0-0 on Monday in the opening round.

The Warriors (6-3-2) were awarded three penalty kicks on Tuesday and converted them all.

THERE WERE NINE yellow cards handed out — including one to each coach — and two red cards as well. Seven of the yellow cards and both reds went to Wentzville.

Besides their dirty play, which went

mostly unsanctioned by the referees, Wentzville players shouted obscenities at Granite City players and coaches, including Gene Baker.

The long evening reached a crescendo in the second half when a Granite City player — unintentionally — tried to kick a loose ball into the Wentzville goal and instead got the arm of Wentzville goalkeeper Steve Holt.

Holt came up throwing punches, and the Wentzville bench emptied, a la major-league (See WARRIORS, Page 3B)

### GCHS 4, Wentzville 2

WENTZVILLE 2 2 2 4  
GRANITE CITY 2 2 2 4

First Half  
WENTZ — Kyle Houston (unassisted), 7:39

GCHS — Mark Mendenhall (Corey Wallace), 14:03  
WENTZ — Scott Flowers (PK), 19:05

GCHS — Justin Bernaix (PK), 36:05

Second Half  
GCHS — Bernaix (PK), 47:23

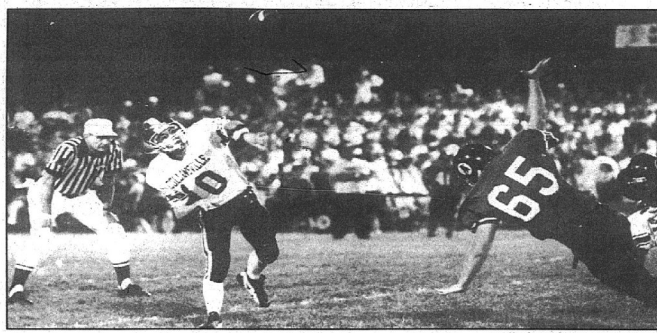
GCHS — Bernaix (PK), 54:28

Shots: Granite City 15, Wentzville 9

Saves: Wentzville 5, Granite City 4

Corners: Granite City 6, Wentzville 2

Warriors salvaged a 4-2 victory over Wentzville in the second round of Pool B action in the Hazelwood Central Tournament.



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

Granite City lineman Randy Gardner pressures Collinsville quarterback Rob Berger during last week's 20-17 victory.

## JV Lady Warriors seeking right mix

By Rob Raphael  
Staff writer

The Lady Warrior junior varsity volleyball team has struggled at times this year, but head coach Ruth Layton sees so many positives she doesn't want to worry about win-loss records.

Layton said her team played possibly its best match of the year Tuesday against Belleville West. While the varsity team was having another tough match against the Maroons, the JV team lost a close 15-12, 15-11 decision.

"THAT WAS A good result, because that team is so tough," Layton said. "We lost to Wood River on Monday, and we should have won that one. It seems like we're playing to our opponents' level."

Overall, the JV team is 1-6, after picking up its first win last Thursday against East St. Louis. But the components for a team much better than that record are there.

"The main thing we need to work on is working better together as a team," Layton said. "We still haven't found the six players that work the best together."

"What I like the most about this team is the height; and the fact that they're willing to work hard and they are knowledgeable at the game."

LAYTON HAS SEVERAL players who have some varsity

'As long as they give 100 percent, then that's all we can hope for. But we're looking for some more wins.'

— Ruth Layton  
GCHS coach

experience. Amy Tapp, an outside hitter, is having a good season at the JV level and is getting more and more time on the varsity. Laurie Bohmenschil and Tonna Druhe are both setters who have seen varsity time.

Also playing on each team so far is Lisa Cuvar, who can hit from the middle or the outside but is a real leader in the back row. Anna Tapp (6-0) is the team's tallest player, and has been a force at the net.

Melanie Gersert is another back row specialist, and Emilee Rollins sees her share of time at the setter position.

Also contributing are Katie Dellamano — who has, according to Layton, an awesome serve — Jessica Schneider and Kerry Lasiter.

"I DON'T MIND them losing as long as they play well," Layton said. "They do their best (See JV, Page 3B)

## Journal Writers' Poll Boys Soccer

Week of Sept. 20	
1. CBC (1)	8-0-0
2. Lindbergh (2)	8-0-0
3. Vianney (4)	7-1-0
4. DeSmet (5)	5-2-0
5. Collinsville (6)	6-1-0
6. Howell North (3)	8-2-0
7. Hazelwood Central (7)	6-1-0
8. St. Mary's (NR)	8-0-0
9. Granite City (7)	5-3-1
10. Aquinas-Mercy (T-8)	3-2-0

(Last week's rankings in parentheses)  
Also receiving votes: Lafayette, SLUH, Velsville

## GCHS hoping to slow down Flyers

By Rob Raphael  
Staff writer

When the Warriors come to football practice Saturday morning after a Friday night game, they usually have numerous bumps and bruises. But the hurts weren't quite as painful this week after the Warriors' first win in nearly two years.

Unfortunately for the Warriors (1-3), they don't have much time to celebrate. The task at hand is too great.

Granite City will visit East St. Louis Senior (1-3) at 1:30 p.m.

Saturday at Jordan Stadium in East St. Louis.

DON'T BE MISLED by the Flyers' record. They have played four quality teams, and endured a coaching change within the last few weeks. Last week, in their second game under interim coach Edmund Jones, they put a serious hurt on Belleville West 58-27 — the same Maroons team that beat the Warriors two weeks ago.

We seemed to have more energy and enthusiasm at practice this week," Granite City

coach Don Harris said of his team. "Going into last week's game, we needed a win just to boost our confidence if nothing else. It was the most important thing that could have happened."

"Fortunately, we're coming off a win to play a very good East St. Louis team. Coming off the Collinsville game, the kids have been up; but normally you don't have to say a lot to them to get them fired up about playing East Side."

GRANITE CITY WILL also (See GCHS, Page 3B)

## Trivial matters

1. Elmhurst York owns the most Illinois state team titles in boys cross country — 19 — in both Class AA and one-class competition. What Metro East native is tied for the most individual state titles?

2. Susan Gibson of Wesclyn has won the Class A girls cross country state title twice over the past three years. Which Metro East school is the last to place at state as a team?

Answers at right.

## Community Sports Calendar

### SISL Showcase

The Southern Illinois Soccer League is looking for volunteers to participate in the 1995 Senior Showcase. An exact date has not been chosen, but it will be held in December.

The program is offered to senior boys and junior/senior girls soccer players who are interested in playing soccer at the collegiate level.

Interested people should send their name, address and phone number to SISL Senior Showcase, P.O. Box 505, Collinsville, IL, 62234.



## Coming up

Warriors, Flyers to meet  
Nick Steele (left) and the Warriors visit East St. Louis in a Southwestern Conference game Saturday.

### Trivia answers:

1. Lebanon's Craig Virgin (2).  
2. East St. Louis Lincoln, which finished second in Class AA in 1989.



## SPORTS

## Sports shorts

**Legacy 4-man scramble**  
The Fourth Annual Legacy 4-man Scramble Club Championship will be held Sunday, Sept. 24 at the Legacy. The cost of the tournament is \$200 per team and includes 18 holes of golf with cart, Italian beef dinner, prize money and skins. Money prizes will be awarded for first through fourth place, as well as closest to the pin prizes on holes No. 8 and 15. Tee times start at 9:30 a.m. The deadline for registration is Sept. 21. For more information, call the Legacy at 931-4653.

**Gateway fast-pitch tourney**  
The 12th annual Gateway Classic girls' fast-pitch tournament will be held Oct. 27-29 at Johnny Mac's Sports Complex located in Valley Park, Mo. The cost per team is \$150; and there is a five-game guarantee. For more information, call Wayne at 314-227-4956.

**18-and-over Metro team**  
A Metro East women's 18-and-over fast-pitch softball team will be forming for the 1996 softball season. There are openings available for most positions, but serious players only should inquire. For more information, call Julie at 800-272-8814.

**QCASA plans functions**  
The Quad Cities Soccer Association is announcing the date for one of its most popular events. The association will hold a Chicken and Beer dance 7 p.m.-1 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 23 at the KC Hall on Old Alton Road in Granite City. The music of the B Street Band. Proceeds from the dance will help fund the QCASA as well as the Madison County Girls Soccer Association. The two organizations will merge next year. For more information on this event, call the association at 878-9000.

**Co-ed volleyball league**  
The Granite City Park District is planning a Co-Ed volleyball league to be played Monday evenings at 7 p.m. The leagues will be played at Coolidge Junior High. Entry fees for this program are \$150 per team plus \$25 for non-residents. Registration will begin on Sept. 25 and will close on Oct. 13. The league will begin play on Nov. 6. For more information, call the Wilson Park office at 877-3059.

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**Kickboxing show Sept. 25**  
A professional championship kickboxing program will be held on Monday, Sept. 25 at A Little Bit of Texas, 3590 Rider Trail South in Earth City, Mo. Doors open at 4 p.m.; matches start at 8.

**Local boxers include "Smiling"** Ed Mitchell of Granite City and Timmy "Diamond" DeLeon, Russ Hodge and Ernie "Ironman" Kitterman, all from Belleville. Tickets are \$30, \$20 and \$10 and are available at all Metro-IX outlets, or by phone at (314) 534-1111. For more information, call Cyclone Productions at (314) 902-7779 or (314) 902-8776. A Little Bit of Texas at (314) 298-7163.

**Renegades softball tryouts**  
The Renegades, a Belleville-area 14-under girls select fast-pitch softball team, will hold tryouts soon to complete their roster for a 35-plus-game schedule.

Players cannot be 15 before Sept. 1, 1996. For more information, call 234-8814.

**Rend Lake bass tourney**  
The first Anad Temple Shriners Rend Lake Bass Tournament will be held Sunday, Oct. 1 at Wayne Fitzgerald State Park.

The entry fee is \$100 for a two-person team. Prizes, based on 100 teams, range from \$2,000 for first place to \$125 for 10th place. There will be also be attendance prizes and a big bass pot.

Half of the proceeds from the tournament will help renovate the Anad Shrine Temple, which was built in 1924. For more information, call Ken Halbrook at 632-8698.

**Tomahawks softball tryouts**  
The Tomahawks, a 12-under girls fastpitch softball team, will hold tryouts on Saturday, Sept. 23. For more information, call Ed Godard at 538-7738.

**St. Louis Lightning**  
The 10-under St. Louis Lightning girls fastpitch softball team is conducting tryouts for girls born after Aug. 31, 1985. For information, call Don Leeker at (314) 576-5551.

**St. Louis Raiders**  
The St. Louis Raiders 18-under girls fastpitch softball team is holding tryouts for the 1996 season. For more information, call Jim at (314) 458-3921.

**Fall baseball tournaments**  
The International Athletic Foundation will be running two fall baseball tournaments: Oct. 6-8 for 11- and 12-year-olds and Oct. 13-15 for 13- and 14-year-olds. For more information, call Jim Turner at 286-3196.

**Thanksgiving soccer tourney**  
Epiphany Sports Association in St. Louis will hold a soccer tournament over Thanksgiving weekend for boys and girls CYC and recreational teams from kindergarten through sixth grade.

For an application or more information, call Tom Noser at (314) 647-0910.

**Golf tournament**  
The third annual St. John Neumann Golf Classic will be Sept. 22 at Fox Creek Golf Course in Edwardsville. The four-person scramble gets underway at noon. Registration starts at 10 a.m. Entry fee is \$75 per golfer or \$300 per team. For more information call 667-2423 or 344-5678.

**Easter Seal benefit**  
The Easter Seal Society of Southwestern Illinois will hold its second annual Easter Seal Golf Club in Godfrey.

The tournament will be an 18-hole, four-person scramble (two couples per team) beginning at 9:30 a.m. Couples can enter as a team. Easter Seal will assign couples to complete foursomes.

Entry fee is \$50 per person or \$100 per couple. The fee includes greens fees, riding cart, food and beverages.

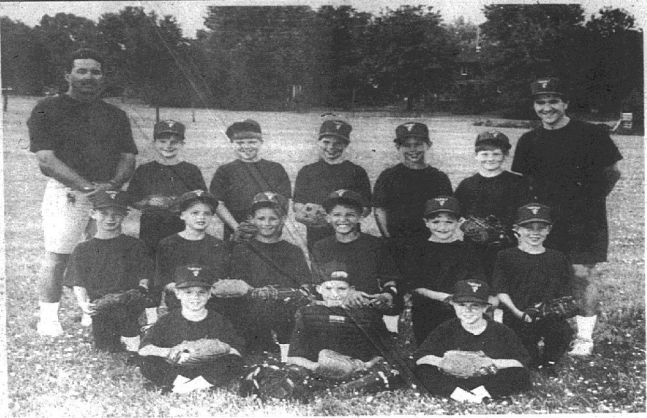
Entry forms are available at the Easter Seal Center, 1719 Washington Ave., Alton and at Rolling Hills Golf Club in Godfrey. For more information, call Lotie Kulp at 462-8897.

**Flag football refs wanted**  
The Budweiser Flag Football League is accepting applications for referees on Sunday afternoons. For more information, call 277-4090.

**Collinsville Sportscard Show**  
The next Collinsville Sportscard Show will be held Sunday, Oct. 8 at the Collinsville Gateway Center located at the intersection of Illinois 157 and I-55 70.

The show will feature the Metro East's largest display of sports and non-sports cards and auto racing cards as well as phone cards, pogs and other collectibles.

Single admission is \$1 and family admission is \$2. Other dates for 1995 are Nov. 12 and Dec. 10. For more information, call 254-0864.



**Atom II champs** — The SBI Hornets finished the season undefeated and playoff champions for the second straight year. Members of the team include (front row from left) Kevin Brake, Andrew Skoklo, Aaron Brake, middle row, Ian Nichols, Ben Zaring, Jake Hartwick, David Wykoff, Ryan Black, Andrew Bywater; back row, coach Don Wykoff, C.J. Stefanoff, Danny Oliver, Brandon Hornsey, John Vasiloff, Willi Connolly, coach Biff Bywater. Not pictured: Brett LePeire, coach Mark Hornsey.

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Belleville West	1	1	1	3
Collinsville	1	1	2	2
Granite City	0	1	1	1
Belleville East	0	0	0	0
Alton	0	1	1	3

Friday, Sept. 15  
East St. Louis Lincoln 49, Alton 18  
Granite City 20, Collinsville 17  
St. Louis U. High 7, Belleville East 0

Saturday, Sept. 16  
East St. Louis 58, Belleville West 27

Friday, Sept. 22  
Belleville East at Alton, 7:30 p.m.  
Edwardsville at Collinsville, 7:30  
Alhoff at Belleville West, 7:30

Saturday, Sept. 23  
Granite City at East St. Louis, 1:30

Independents				
Team	W	L	T	Overall
Alhoff	4	0	0	4
Edwardsville	4	0	0	4
ESL Lincoln	4	0	0	4
Metro East Lutheran	1	0	0	1

Friday, Sept. 15  
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Granite City 20, Collinsville 17  
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### NAMEOKI TOWNSHIP OFFERS SECOND ANNUAL FREE HEALTH FAIR

Ken Davis, Supervisor of Nameoki Township said that with the assistance of St. Elizabeth Hospital and Providence Health Services, Nameoki Township will welcome its residents to the Town Hall on Friday September 29, 1995, for **FREE** health services. The event will be from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

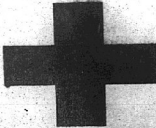
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## •GCHS

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go into the game with an improved passing attack that has made its offense much more dangerous.

"You have to be able to do both and have a balanced attack," Harris said. "You have to keep teams off-balance and guessing what you're going to do."

As for the Flyers, they don't seem to have to keep anybody guessing. They just go out and do what they want offensively.

**EAST SIDE FEATURES** the considerable talents of quarterback Lawaun Powell, a 6-4, 210-pound senior with the arm of a cannon. Add to that two wide receivers who went to state in track last season — Javar Holman and Rodney Session — and the Flyers possess a deadly combination.

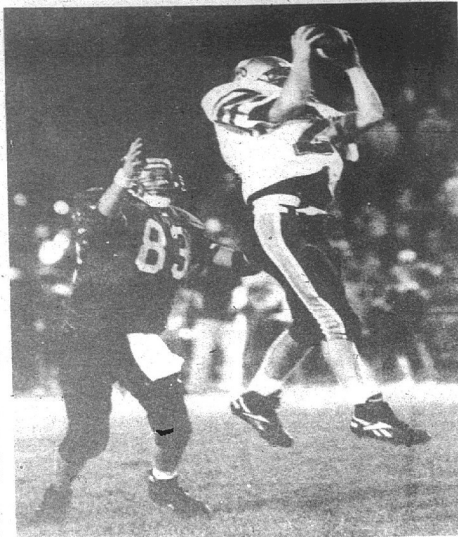
Against the Maroons on Saturday, Powell passed for 265 yards and five touchdowns. Holman caught three touchdown passes on the day, and Session had two.

"There's no pass that (Powell) can't throw," Jones said. "He can throw the touch pass, the deep pass or the short, quick pass. And he showed (last week) that he can scramble, too. Of course, we expect that from Lawaun. He's had the best quarterback coach in the country the last three years."

That coach was Bob Shannon.

**"THEY CAN RUN** and throw both, especially if (Kevin) Beard is in the lineup," Harris said. "I think Powell may have the best high school arm I've ever seen. He's one of the few at this level that you look at and think, 'This is a guy who might play in the NFL one day.' He's that good."

Beard was knocked out of action two weeks ago with a concussion. Jones said the Flyers will not rush Beard back into the lineup, but fell short of



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESSE)

Belleville West's Robert Jackson breaks up a play in front of GCHS receiver Jason Moad in a game earlier this season.

said Harris, "and hope they have some breakdowns. You never know when the intangibles will turn a game around for you. In any game, big plays make the difference."

"We will have to play well,"



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESSE)

Granite City senior Justin McMillian (left) looks to elude the defense.

## •Warriors

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league baseball. Baker stopped his kids from running onto the field, but he received a yellow card anyway, as did the Wentzville coach.

**HOWEVER, PLAYERS** who enter the playing field to participate in a fight — by rule — must be disqualified. They were not.

"This had to be the longest game in the history of soccer," Baker said. "I'm just glad nobody was seriously hurt out there."

Baker and the rest of the GCHS coaching staff were upset after the game, and for good

reason. But Baker condensed his comments.

"What really bothers me is that they would allude to the officials as being from Illinois and showing favoritism," he said. "They aren't; they're from Missouri. But to imply that we would hire biased officials is just crazy."

**THE WARRIORS SCORED** four goals — three on PKs — but had numerous other chances as well. The field conditions hindered their finishing efforts.

"It could have been 5, 6, or 7 to 2, with all of the chances that we had," Baker said. "I thought we really came alive after giving up a goal."

Wentzville basically played soccer for about 10 minutes, and in that time scored a nice goal.

Kyle Houston scored on a deflected ball in the eighth minute, putting a low shot past starting keeper Alex Bautsch.

**COREY WALLACE PICKED** up the ball at the midfield stripe 13 minutes later, dribbled 15 yards and sent a beautiful pass to a streaking Mark Mendenhall. Mendenhall beat his mark and sent a shot along the ground that got under the arm of Holt.

Midway through the first half, Bautsch and Matt Flowers collided heavily in the penalty box. The officials ruled Flowers was pushed into Bautsch, and a penalty kick was awarded. Bautsch got up slowly, left the game and did not return.

Scott Flowers hit the PK, beating Jeremy Smith low and to his right, giving Wentzville a 2-1 lead. But in the 36th minute, Mendenhall was held and pulled down in the box. Justin Bernaix scored the first of his three PK goals, and it was knotted at 2 at the half.

Steve Logan was brought down in the box at 47:23 of the second half, and Mendenhall was fouled in the box again in the 55th minute. Bernaix easily converted both PKs.

**WITH THE OFFICIALS** taking three and four minutes per call, the game lasted well over two hours.

Baker concluded: "This was crazy."

Granite City was to play Rosary on Wednesday night in the final round of pool play. The pool winners advance to the tourney finals this weekend at Koch Park in Florissant, Mo.

## •JV

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most every night, and as long as they give 100 percent, then that's all we can hope for. But we are looking for some more wins.

This weekend, the freshman team, coached by Deb Germann, will host a freshman invitational tournament at GCHS. Granite City is grouped in a pool with Civic Memorial, Belleville East and Tread.

Playing in the second pool will be Belleville West, Althoff, Marietta and Collinsville.

The action begins early Saturday morning, with Granite City vs. Civic Memorial at 8:30 a.m. Pool winners will meet at 3 p.m. for the tourney championship.

## •BAC

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freshmen have key roles," Petri said. "Tragesser has to be an offensive catalyst. Stalets has a heck of a load to pick up and Wilson has an important job as sweeper."

The top players off the bench are freshman Scott Nemeth (Granite City), Jay Bauer (Althoff) and Paul Knetzer (Alton Marquette).

The younger guys will have to bide their time — it will be tough to unseat that sophomore group," Petri said. "I don't know exactly how far (the sophomores) can carry us before the freshmen take over."

BAC started the season with shutout victories over East Central, Flo Valley and Meramec.

The Dutchmen play Sept. 30 at Springfield College before returning home to face State Fair at 1 p.m. on Oct. 1.

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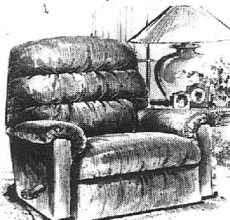
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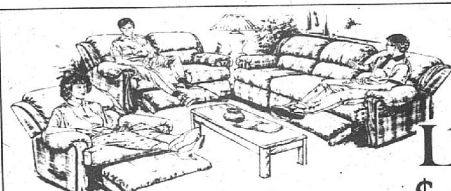
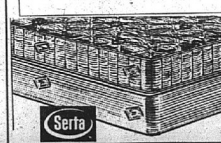
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### Airman Jason Stanley

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Air Force Airman Jason S. Stanley has graduated from basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airman who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Stanley is the son of Tina K. and Nicholas S. Stanley of Madison.

He graduated in 1995 from Madison High School.

### James Jacobs

**Navy Airman Recruit James D. Jacobs**, son of Dave Jacobs of Granite City, recently completed the aviation support equipment technician course at Naval Air Station Memphis in Millington, Tenn.

During the 16-week course, Jacobs learned how to inspect, maintain and repair basic hydraulic systems, as well as operate automotive electrical systems, power generating equipment and air conditioning systems for aircraft support vehicles.

Jacobs also studied metal working, corrosion control, welding, preventive maintenance procedures and troubleshooting techniques for aircraft and their support equipment.

With his newly acquired knowledge and skills, Jacobs is ready to perform maintenance on aviation accessory equipment at naval air stations and aboard aircraft carriers. Jacobs is prepared to maintain hydraulic and diesel engines, hydraulic and pneumatic systems, liquid and gaseous oxygen and nitrogen systems and electrical systems.

As a graduate of the aviation support equipment technician course, Jacobs demonstrates his tremendous ability to excel in a naval force of more than 400,000 men and women.

Whether assigned to ships, squadrons or shore commands around the world, men and women like Jacobs are making a difference as they work to improve their knowledge and skill as part of the most highly technical naval force in history.

The 1995 graduate of Granite City High School joined the Navy in January 1995.

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Biggs is the nephew of Joseph Wood, and advanced individual training at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, reporting for duty Feb. 15, 1996.

### Darla Williams

**Darla J. Williams** of Granite City has joined the U.S. Army. She received the Army's written guarantee that she will receive training in the job specialty of her choice, medical noncommissioned officer.

Private Williams will take basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., and advanced individual training at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, reporting for duty Feb. 15, 1996.

## Eagle Park Acres group celebrates its first year

The Eagle Park Acres Seniors celebrated its first anniversary on Aug. 31 at the Eagle Park Improvement Association Meeting Hall.

Birthday celebrations were held for members who had a birthday during May-August. Those who celebrated birthdays were Doris Cooper, Billie Jean Thornton, Christine DeLoach, Dorothy Wiley, Erica Cheers and Ethel Von Buren, all of Eagle Park in Madison.

There was a display and sale of crafts made by the seniors. Members and friends enjoyed a buffet dinner. The food items were donated and prepared by the seniors.

Josephine Bodie, president, spoke on a short- and long-term plan for the group. Thelma Howard, vice president, explained the present and future projects for the program. Evelyn Wimberly, secretary, remarked on "Then and Now," the progress of the group's membership and financial growth.

The main speaker was Patricia Shipp, program assistant of the University of Illinois Extension Services in Edwardsville. She is also the coordinator of the senior group.

All seniors of the area are welcome to attend meetings, which are held from 10 a.m. to noon every Thursday.

For August, members received a \$15 voucher for the purchase of shoes and socks from K mart in Granite City.

The celebration ended with the presentation of first, second and third place prizes for the crafts made by the seniors. The winners were Bessie Cooper, first; Ethel Von Buren, second; and Sally B. Thornton, third.

For more information on the group, call Josephine Bodie at 451-6116 or Evelyn Wimberly at 451-9868.

## Eagles 1126 Auxiliary hold September meeting

The members of Granite City Eagles Post 1126 Auxiliary held its first meeting of September on Sept. 18 at the Eagles home.

Spencer placed a challenge against Springfield Auxiliary to get the most new members this year. The Granite City group must enroll three members per month or more.

The second meeting of October has been set to honor the past presidents with a dinner and gifts. All past presidents are requested to bring along their scrap books to share with all new members.

On Oct. 1, the auxiliary will hold another breakfast at the Eagles home. Breakfast will be served from 8 a.m. to noon and bingo will follow at the Nameo-King Center.

On Oct. 26, the Eagles Aerie will hold a kickoff dinner prepared by the auxiliary. It will benefit all senior citizens.

The cancer chairman reported that the group will be raffling a set of Indian maiden doll and a plastic canvas pumpkin. See Vera Johnson or Millie Weatherford for tickets.

The next meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 26 at the Eagles home with a social hour and refreshments to follow. If you need a ride to the meeting, call Spencer.

Correspondence was read from the "Home Community Support Group," which has purchased an old home to remodel for a low-income family. Donations or volunteer services were requested.

The Pro-Life Group will hold a "life chain" on Sunday, Oct. 1, at the Eagles home. The chain will be made by members and Feihling and Johnson roads. Anyone wanting to participate should call for more information.

The visiting chairman reported that Del Deloney is still in the hospital and will have another surgery. Cards were sent to all who were ill or who had lost a family member.

Beulah "Boots" Stanton's memorial service was held at Irwin Chapel and the Eagles performed their service for her with Joann Spencer and Mildred Boyd leading the group. A draping of the charter will be held at the next meeting.

Spencer thanked all for the gifts and the birthday party the auxiliary gave her at the last meeting.

Spencer and Ruth Jorgensen reported on their recent attendance of the Illinois state conference at Aurora on Sept. 8, 9 and 10.

Dianna Garrison, junior past state president, has taken up residence in Tennessee and will take care of her daughter's family. Her daughter, Sheila, is suffering from leukemia.

Reservations for next year's

convention in Naperville should be made for June 1996.

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**On stage** — Stories of American history highlight the four theatrical productions of Belleville Area College's Fall Discovery Series.

In "The George Washington Folies," top photo, Mark Grimsich, artistic director of the group, plays George Washington and Christopher Caldwell, plays Tom, the tailor who calms George's anxieties.

In bottom photo, "Bingham's Missouri" tells the tale of American artist George Caleb Bingham through folk music, dance, and more than 250 slides of his work. The trio features Steve Vot on violin; Annie Scheumbauer on vocals; and Charlie Pfeiffer on the mandolin.

The Discovery Series, a set of educational and entertainment programs designed for children ages 8-12 and their families, is scheduled throughout the fall.

The series was designed to provide the same type of educational entertainment as the Children's Series, but for older children, said David Paeth, director of the Office of College Activities.

The Discovery Series lineup includes "Bingham's Missouri," presented by Young Audiences of St. Louis on Sept. 28; "In Her Own Right," presented by the Mundy Student Theatre on Oct. 19; "Hush: An Interview With America," presented by Metro Theatre Company on Nov. 9; and "The George Washington Folies," by Face to Face Productions on Dec. 7.

All performances will be at 6:30 p.m. in the Belleville Campus Theatre, 2500 Carlyle Road.



## Films almost equaled '94 record

### 'Batman Forever,' 'Apollo 13' were leading summer movies

"Batman Forever" and "Apollo 13" led a slow of solid summer films that nearly equaled the record \$2.2 billion earned by last summer's huge blockbusters.

Ticket sales between the Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends were about \$2.19 billion, Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc. said. While last year's take was paced by the \$300 million hits "Forrest Gump" and "The Lion King," none of this summer's hits even made \$200 million.

Three summer hits — "Batman Forever," "Apollo 13" and "Pocahontas" — passed the \$100 million milestone, while two others, "Die Hard With a Vengeance" and "Casper," probably will reach the mark.

The summer was helped by many films that grossed between \$50 million and \$100 million, such as "Crimson Tide," "Conan," and "The Bridges of Madison County."

Yet many titles, particularly those released late in the season did not perform that well. Among the underachievers were Denzel Washington's "Virtuosity" and Richard Gere's "First Knight."

Theater owners make the most money from films that hold for months, since their share of the gate generally increases each week a film plays. During this summer,

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Film executive

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As politicians blast away at Hollywood's action films, audiences continue embracing them. The violent "Die Hard" sequel was among the summer's first big hits, and the fight-filled "Mortal Kombat" was one the

few late-season hits.

"Waterworld," a futuristic action adventure that was the most expensive movie ever made at \$175 million, was not an outright debacle but is far from profitable. The film is on track to make about \$80 million in U.S. theaters and is playing well in Japan and England.

"I think there was way too much product of the same type at the same time," said Mitch Goldman, president of marketing and distribution for New Line Cinema. In addition to action films cannibalizing one another, Goldman said children's films such as "Free Willy II: The Adventure Home" and "Mighty Morphin Power Rangers: The Movie" suffered because they both vied for the same young patrons.

Among the summer's more unusual developments was the strong take generated by several low-budget art films. In the season's final weekly list, the stylish thriller "The Usual Suspects" finished a surprising eighth, and "The Brothers McMullen," a personal film about an Irish Catholic family, is filling theaters in many markets.

— Associated Press

## Duvall terrific in 'Stars Fell on Henrietta'

A vagabond strolls into town, convinces the populace to change their lives, then vanishes on. It's a plot that has succeeded in films from "The Rainmaker" to "Pleasantville" to "Music Man." John Wayne and Clint Eastwood made it part of their careers.

The formula gets another workout in "The Stars Fell on Henrietta," with Robert Duvall in the role of the mysterious stranger, known only as Mr. Cox. This time he's a stranger with a difference.

"You're a loser, and I don't have time for losers," snarls oil baron Brian Denney as he contemptuously rejects Mr. Cox's offer of a sure thing.

Mr. Cox is a wildcat in the dust-blown Texas oil country circa 1935, with a reputation for nothing but dry holes. As he approaches the boom town of Henrietta, he and his cat, Matilda, are engulfed in a dust storm. They are rescued by a cotton farmer (Aidan Quinn), who takes him home to meet his wife (Frances Fisher) and children.

Putting his ear to the earth, Mr. Cox convinces himself that a rich pool of oil lay underneath. All he needs is \$5,000 to sink a well. Preposterous, says the farmer, and Mr. Cox is banished.

His plight slides downhill in Henrietta. He is reduced to

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washing dishes in a Greek cafe, and a misguided escapade lands him in jail. Meanwhile, the farmer tries his own drilling venture and fails, threatening foreclosure on the land. Mr. Cox finds a unique method of raising money and comes to the farmer's rescue.

The centerpiece of "The Stars Fell on Henrietta" is Duvall's eccentric portrait of Mr. Cox. Eternally optimistic, impervious to insult, the codger takes his place among Duvall's gallery of unforgettable characters. It is a terrific performance.

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screenwriter Philip Railsback, has its flaws. While he has created a rare, unique character in Mr. Cox, the relationship of the farmer and his wife and the ending itself seem formulaic. James Keach's direction plods through an hour of Cox's downfall before significant events begin to happen.

Still, Eastwood's Malpaso Productions deserves credit for a noble effort to present a piece of Americana.

Veteran production designer L. Henry Bumstead performed remarkably in depicting the impermanence of Henrietta and the lost hope of the Dust Bowl.

— Associated Press

## Horoscope

Thursday, Sept. 21  
Grand romantic gestures and bold business or financial moves mark the day. Fostering team spirit gets extra-positive results while the sun and Pluto harmonize. Selfish acts backfire.

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**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) Express your love in words. Your open affection inspires more demonstrative romance. Luck comes through unusual friends — a tip from a technology-minded pal boosts your financial clout.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21) Your humorous interpretation of recent social news gets rave reviews from gossip chums. Watch out when you bend the truth — false reports resurface in unexpected ways and could tarnish your image at work.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22) Minds and hearts blend, your most significant relationship now has the power to bring you happiness for life. A genial neighbor or a favorite relation is eager to chat. Drop in. Your astrology's flowing stream — VIPs are generous with promotions when you prove you know how to play the corporate game. You're in a fiscal comfort zone, but you are prone to overspending.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (Sept. 21) Foundations you've laid for financial advances yield huge rewards early in '96. Your career heats up with a sweeping success in July, your status soars by August. Resolve home-front issues in October. A holiday fete at your place strengthens rapport at home. A splendid romance reawakens your love life. March and June are tops for trips.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) A friend's help opens a financial door. Big money in real estate comes through a savvy pal's advice. Dinner out, on you, expresses your gratitude. A spicy encounter reawakens your heart.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Your social life's on track — gather new friends while the time's ripe. Your challenge — to touch as much of the world as possible without losing track of your overall aims. At work, a VIP tests your commitment — you pass.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21) Romantic alchemy is powerful with a breathtaking new honey. Singles — a mix of love and money works. Committed couples invest big together and reap generous returns. Updating outmoded rules gives you a new start.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Big excitement is on the social scene — a long-distance journey is in the works, and new alliances are to be formed for business, social service or fun. Sports buffs are in top form. Seek backers for a young people's team.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Imaginative Cappy finds markets for elegantly designed wares. Promote top-of-the-line products for fast dollar returns. Seek professional advice before signing a contract — unfamiliar jargon is confusing now.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Treasure hunters — out-of-the-way shops hold lots of oddball artifacts — prowl the back roads for lucky finds. Your business income looks good. Watch the bottom line — small expenditures can drain profits fast.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) A romantic partner captivates you with wondrous tales — you're hooked. Don't expect fairy tales to come true. Be cautious till you discover the truth about this one. Your past work or investment lands money in your hand now.

song written by whom?)  
Wine, "Neil Diamond" (Capricorn)  
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By Bill Seggs  
Correspondent  
LOVE SONGS: Hate to say it, but like about half the songs ever written have a four-letter word in them — L-O-V-E. Of course, it's not always your standard Hallmark sentiment that appears in the titles that grace *Billboard's* Top 40 chart.

1. What song cooed and whispered by Donna Summer — her chart debut — hit No. 2 in early 1976?

2. "Love Rollercoaster" was a No. 1 hit in early 1976 for what funky disco outfit?

3. What was the No. 3 hit duet in the fall of 1956 for Bing Crosby and Grace Kelly?

4. "Love Is a Battlefield" was a No. 5 hit in the fall of 1983 for whom?

5. What was Pat Boone's biggest hit, No. 1 for seven weeks in the summer of 1957?

6. What group hit No. 1 in 1992 with "I Wanna Have Fun in Love"?

7. What No. 1 hit from 1964 was a signature song for Dina Crocetti — better known as Dean Martin?

8. What three superstars put their voices together on "All For Love," the No. 1 hit theme from the film "The Three Musketeers"?

9. What No. 1 hit from 1994 for Canadian chanteuse Celine Dion has been her biggest chart smash so far?

10. What band hit No. 1 in 1993 with a remake of Elvis Presley's No. 2 hit from 1962, "Can't Help Falling in Love" (Extra credit: What was this group's No. 1 hit from 1968, a

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